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Dear Members of the Connecticut Education Committee:

As a resident of New Canaan and a parent of graduated public school students, I strongly oppose SB 738, SB 457, and SB 874 and any other bill that opens the door to forced regionalization of Connecticut Public Schools.

We moved to New Canaan for the schools, and existing school quality is what keeps us here. In my opinion these bills will erode the quality and the character of our local schools, which erodes the quality of our town. The regionalization can potentially impact the school size making them larger, decrease administrator and community engagement, as well as reduce our control of how money is spent on what is important for our particular town.

I hope you will OPPOSE SB 738, SB 457, SB 874, and any other legislation that opens the door to forced regionalization of Connecticut public schools.

Sincerely,

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